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1. JOSE VARGAS, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SECRETARY OF THE VENEZUELAN CONFEDERATION OF WORKERS (CTV), STATES PRIVATELY THAT VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT RAFAEL CALDERA ARDENTLY DESIRES THE DIRECTOR GENERALSHIP OF THE ILO AFTER HE LEAVES OFFICE IN MARCH 1974 AND THAT RECENT LATIN AMERICAN INITIATIVES TO PROMOTE CALDERA'S CANDIDACY ARE A DIRECT RESULT OF VENEZUELAN PROMPTING.

2. VARGAS ARGUES THAT ILO POSITION WOULD GIVE CALDERA THE CONTINUED PROMINENCE THAT HE HAS LEARNED TO ENJOY AS INTERNATIONALLY ACTIVE VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT, WOULD STRENGTHEN THE WORLD SOCIAL CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT, AND WOULD BE CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT OF CALDERA'S CAREER AS AN INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY ON LABOR LAW.

3. VARGAS' STATEMENTS ARE BELIEVED WORTHY OF ATTENTION SINCE HE IS A SENIOR LEADER OF VENEZUELA'S MAJOR OPPOSITION PARTY AND HAS LONG EXPERIENCE IN VENEZUELA'S WELL DEVELOPED LABOR MOVEMENT.

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES CALDERA CAN COUNT ON WIDESPREAD LATIN AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR ILO POSITION AND WILL HAVE STRONG APPEAL TO THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES UNLESS OTHER STRONG CANDIDATES DEVELOP SOON.
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